

Sacramental programme 2016, 2017, 2018 ...

Dear parents,

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has made some changes to its Sacramental Policy. This new policy is available on the Liturgy Brisbane website: www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/doctypes/christian-initiation-for-children

How does that affect us at Holy Spirit Parish? As of 2016, Year 3 are eligible to be Confirmed. The sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation, for Years 4 & 5 respectively, will remain the same for the next 2 years. We are expecting large numbers for Confirmation, however with your co-operation and understanding, we will make this transition period as smooth as possible.

Enrolment forms must be accompanied by a Baptism Certificate.

If your child was not baptised at Holy Spirit, or if Holy Spirit does not already have a copy, please organise with the church where your child was Baptised to email a copy to Holy Spirit at braypark@bne.catholic.net.au well before February 2016.

The table below outlines how Holy Spirit Parish intends to run the Sacramental Programme in future and includes a list of important dates for 2016.

	Confirmation	Holy Communion	Reconciliation
2016	Year 3 and Year 5	Year 4	Children will take part in a Reconciliation ceremony prior to the reception of their Sacrament
2017	Year 3 and Year 5	Year 4	Children will take part in a Reconciliation ceremony prior to the reception of their Sacrament
2018	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5

February 7 (Sunday)	Sacramental Programme 2016 Information meeting
Feb 13/14	Sacramental Enrolment week-end
Feb 20/21	Year 5. Confirmation Preparation begins (4 weeks)
April 16/17	Year 3. Confirmation Preparation begins (5 weeks)
May 19 (Thursday)	Reconciliation for Confirmation candidates
May 21/22	Confirmation ceremonies
July 16/17	Year 4. First Holy Communion Preparation begins (5 weeks)
August 18 (Thursday)	Reconciliation for Communion candidates
August 20/21	First Holy Communion ceremonies

Please note:

- **Only families who are seen to be attending regular week-end Mass will be eligible to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation or Holy Communion.**
- **If your child was baptised overseas and you need to request a copy of their Baptism Certificate – please begin the process now to avoid disappointment.**

Wendy Greasley

Sacramental Programme Co-ordinator.